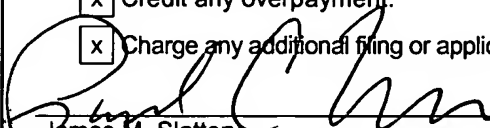




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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Amendments to the Specification, Claim Set As Amended, Amendments to the Drawings, Remarks, and One sheet of Replacement Drawings (FIG. 2).

As instructed claims 1-3 have been amended, Figure 2 has been replaced, and page 8 of the specification has been edited.